To accompany the petition of Edwin H. Conant relative to the sounding of whistles of locomotives approaching grade crossings. Railroads.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nineteen.

AN ACT

Relative to the Sounding of Locomotive Whistles at Grade Crossings.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section one hundred and forty-seven of Part II of chapter four hundred and sixty-three of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and six is hereby amended by striking out said section and substituting the following: — Section 147.

6 Every railroad corporation shall cause a bell of at least thirty-five pounds in weight, and a steam whistle, to be placed on each locomotive engine passing upon its railroad; and such bell shall be rung and not more than two short, separate and distinct blasts of such whistle
sounded at the distance of at least eighty rods from the place where the railroad crosses upon the same level any highway, town way or travelled place over which a signboard is required to be maintained as provided in sections one hundred and forty-nine and one hundred and fifty; and such bell shall be rung continuously until the engine has crossed such way or travelled place. The whistle shall not be sounded in approaching such crossings when the same are protected by gates or flagmen. The provisions of this section shall not affect the authority conferred upon the public service commission by the provisions of section one hundred and forty-eight. The public service commission shall take proper measures to prevent the employment of unnecessarily harsh or discordant whistles.